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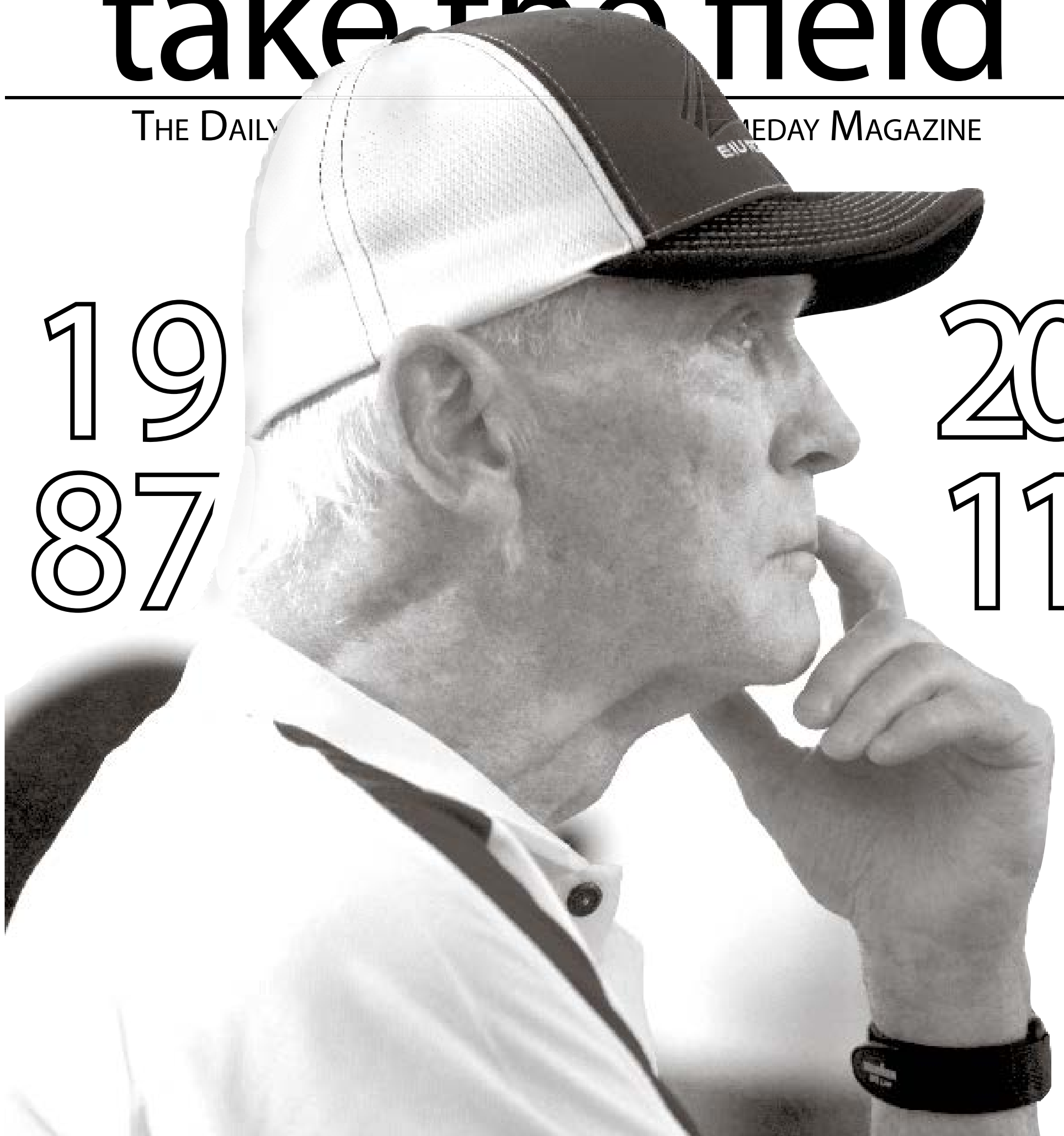
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To the Student Body, Faculty and Staff,

Over the past twenty-five years I can recall so much of what has taken place in my position as Head Football Coach at Eastern Illinois University. Memories keep flooding back as I reflect on my life at this wonderful institution. It has been a fabulous time for me and my family.

I would like to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the support you have displayed for me, my staff, and players throughout the years. We have tried our best to provide a program that is worthy of your support, interest, and trust. I hope we have accomplished that for you.

Now the time has come to move on to the next chapter of my life's story. As I do, I will always be reminded of the opportunity afforded me by the EIU community and I will be extremely grateful for what you have helped me to accomplish. For without that loyalty and encouragement it wouldn't have been possible. In my retirement, I will continue to support EIU in any way possible. I owe you that much for what you have done for me. It has always been about team. You are a part of that team and I believe the future is bright because of your involvement.

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Congrats
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GAME PREVIEW

Team prepares for last home game

By Dominic Renzetti
Sports Editor

The Eastern football team is preparing for not only its final Ohio Valley Conference game of the season, but for head coach Bob Spoo's final game at O'Brien Field.

Despite all the attention surrounding the game, Spoo said he hopes his final game is not a distraction, yet knows there will be attention on him. "I don't know how you can avoid it," he said. "I hope it's not a distraction."

Spoo said that hopefully once the actual game begins, the distraction will be less of an issue. "It won't be from the starting kickoff to the end of the game, hopefully," he said. While the attention may be on Spoo, his attention will be on the opponent, Tennessee State. Spoo called the Tigers a very athletic team.

"I don't want that to interfere with what we need to get done on the field," Spoo said. "I have great respect for Tennessee State, their athleticism, the things they can do to hurt you." The Panthers are coming off of a win over conference opponent Austin Peay, but Spoo said the team must focus on the current game. "You can't think about the last game you played whether you won it or lost it," he said. "You better be ready every week."

The Panthers, currently with a record of 2-7 overall and 1-6 in the OVC, will be taking on a Tennessee State team that has had two weeks to prepare for this game. The Tigers have a record of 3-5 overall and 2-3 in the OVC. Leading the Tigers is red-shirt freshman quarterback Michael German. Since taking over the starting role from Jeremy Perry in week four,

Seniors in last home game

#3 Lorence Ricks

#8 Cory Leman

#19 Nick Martinez

#24 James Cooper

#40 Keithan Hedrick

#75 Mike Garrity

#76 Eric Zink

German has completed 88 of 157 passes and thrown for 1,264 yards. Spoo said Tennessee State's decision to start German was a good one. "They made the right move, no question about that," he said. "(German) is a big time player for being such a young player."

Spoo said he expects a tough match-up between the Panthers and Tigers. "We're in for a tough football game, but I hope we can rise to the occasion, so to speak," he said. For the Panther offense, red-shirt junior running back Jake Walker had a breakout game last week against Austin Peay, becoming the first player this season to surpass 100 yards rushing the ball. "(Walker) doesn't have all the juke-ability like a lot of the fine running backs in our league have, but he's a very tough minded guy," Spoo said. Spoo called Walker a very assignment disciplined, mistake free, hard runner. He said Walker was a great team player and leader. "We were happy to see him break out finally," he said. "We needed to have our ground game going a little bit and I hope we can keep it up." Spoo's final game at O'Brien Field will kickoff at 1:30 p.m. Following the game, there will a reception for



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Red-shirt junior wide receiver Chavar Watkins reaches to catch a 29 yard pass from Jimmy Garoppolo Oct. 22 during Eastern's homecoming game against UT Martin at O'Brien Field. The Panthers came short in the final minutes of the game losing 23-24.

Spoo in Lantz Fieldhouse. The event will be open to the public, no reservation required. Complimentary cake and beverages will be available.

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VISITOR PERSPECTIVE

Tigers feel up to tough road task

By Dominic Renzetti
Sports Editor

Tennessee State head coach Rod Reed's Tigers are coming off of an off-week after losing to Eastern Kentucky by a score of 22-33. Reed said the off-week was much needed for his team. "We had a much needed off-week," he said. "We had gone eight straight without a bye."

In the Tigers' last game against Eastern Kentucky, the team was without several defensive starters. "We were pretty banged up, played without a couple starters in the Eastern Kentucky game on defense," Reed said. Though Reed said the rest was much needed, he said his team is focusing on taking on the Panthers this Saturday. "It was a much needed rest, but we've been hard at work trying to get EIU figured out," he said. He said that despite Eastern's re-

cord, the Panthers are still a very tough team, having lost many close games throughout the season. "It's a very good football team, well coached team, just had some tough breaks in there," Reed said. One Eastern player Reed's defense will be keying in on is sophomore quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo. "(Eastern has) a quarterback in there that's thrown for over 2,200 yards," he said. This season, Garoppolo has thrown for 2,219 this season, completing 188 of 288 passes. He has also thrown for 18 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. In last year's meeting, Garoppolo led the Panthers to an overtime victory over the Tigers, throwing for 331 yards and four touchdowns. He completed 20 of 33 passes in that game as well. Reed, like Eastern head coach Bob Spoo, noticed the resurgence of red-shirt junior running back Jake Walker, who broke 100 yards rushing last

Game time forecast

1:30 p.m.

Sundown: 5:47 p.m.



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week against Austin Peay. "They've got a running back who's got back on track, looked like last week, doing some good things there," he said. On the defensive side of the ball, Reed said the Tigers will be aware of junior defensive lineman Artavious Dowdell and red-shirt senior linebacker Cory Leman. "They've got a kid there that sacks the quarterback, and every knows about Cory Leman," he said. Dowdell is the OVC's sack leader, recording five sacks for a loss of 29 to-

tal yards. Four of those sacks came last week against Austin Peay's freshman quarterback Landon Curtis. Leman has more tackles than any other player on the Panther defense, notching 87 total tackles, 46 of which were solo tackles. "We've got our work cut out for us," Reed said. "We're going to be up for the challenge. It's a long ride up, but we're getting ready."

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CONFERENCE REPORT

Important conference
games scheduled
for weekend slate

By Dominic Renzetti
Sports Editor

Central State (1-8) at
Austin Peay (2-6) (2-4, OVC)

The Governors will play their final non-conference game of the season against Division-II Central State. Central State is coming off of an 18 game losing streak, following a 36-0 win against Kentucky Wesleyan.

Austin Peay has lost four straight games, all against Ohio Valley Conference teams.

Last week's loss to Eastern saw freshman quarterback Landon Curtis make his first start for the Governor's in place of the injured Jake Ryan, who was out with a sprained MCL.

Central Methodist (5-3)
at Southeast Missouri
(2-6) (2-4, OVC)

The Redhawks will take on NAIA opponent Central Methodist in the two teams' first ever meeting.

Central Methodist has won three straight games, averaging 37.7 points per game.

The Redhawks have a record of 7-1 in their last eight games at their home Houck Stadium.

Murray State (4-4) (2-3, OVC)
at #15 Tennessee Tech
(5-2) (4-1, OVC)

Tennessee Tech will host OVC opponent Murray State in the 77th all-time meeting between the two.

After beating Jacksonville State last week, the Golden Eagles put themselves in a three way tie for first place in the OVC with the Gamecocks and Eastern Kentucky.

The last time the two teams met,

Murray State won 44-13. Murray State has won its last two games, while Tennessee Tech has won its last five out of six games.

Eastern Kentucky
(5-3) (4-1, OVC) at
#18 Jacksonville State
(5-3) (4-1, OVC)

Two of the three teams tied for first place in the OVC will meet in a critical conference match up.

The Colonels and Gamecocks are the two most winningest in the conference, since Jacksonville State joined in 2003.

The Gamecocks fell last week to Tennessee Tech, while Eastern Kentucky won on the road against Murray State.

The all-time series between the two teams is tied at 4-4.

Tennessee-Martin
(5-3) (4-2, OVC)
at Mississippi State (4-4)

The Skyhawks will travel to take on Southeastern Conference (SEC) opponent Mississippi State in a non-conference game.

Mississippi State will be the third SEC opponent for the Skyhawks in the last four seasons.

Tennessee-Martin is 0-12 against Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) teams.

It will be the first of a three game road stretch for the Skyhawks. Mississippi State won last week against Kentucky, who had previously beaten OVC opponent Jacksonville State.

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Michael Udow, member of Galaxy Percussion group, plays drums during concert on Thursday evening in the Dvorak Concert Hall in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

South Korea, America combine music in percussion concert

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

South Korea and America came together to perform percussion music for Eastern Thursday. The Akademie Percussion Ensemble of South Korea and Galaxy Percussion of the U.S. performed

together in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. The Akademie Percussion Ensemble was started in 1993 by Kang-ku Lee. Lee said he started the ensemble after he played for an orchestra and he wanted to play percussion mu-

sic professionally so he, along with some of his colleagues started to have concerts. Akademie Percussion Ensemble is made up of 24 members in total. Other than himself, there were six other members of Akademie Percussion Ensemble performed during the concert.

Hwan Woong Park, Jun Hwan Lee, In Young Park, Yong Sun Chun, Song Yi Han and Yeon Hwa Shin made up the rest of the ensemble. Galaxy Percussion was started in 2003 by Michael Udow at a request from marimbas Keiko Abe for a tour in Japan.

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RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

RHA goes to Ball State

By Emily Pellegrine
Staff Reporter

The Residence Hall Association will be heading to Indiana to participate in the annual Great Lakes Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls conference this weekend. The Great Lakes Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls conference takes place at Ball State University. RHA treasurer Jenna Kuehl, a senior accounting major, said the leadership conference allows students to find new programs to bring back to their residence halls. Eastern will have 10 students and two advisors attending the regional conference, Kuehl said. “There’s different programs put on to build leadership skills throughout the conference,” Kuehl said. Kuehl said during the conference rep-

resentatives from each school have the opportunity to discuss ideas and events that they have planned with each other. The conference is beneficial to Eastern because it allows representatives to acquire ideas from other schools and make them unique for Eastern, Kuehl said. Seth McCormick, a freshman undecided major, said the service committee will be having a jacket donation drive that will take place after Thanksgiving break. “We are going to be asking students for their gently-used jackets, and of course we will also take new jackets as well,” McCormick said. McCormick said he hopes the service committee will be able to collaborate with Rachel Fisher, the director of Student Community Service, in order to yield better results.

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COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

CAA delays action on goals

By Robyn Dexter
Staff Report

The Council on Academic Affairs discussed a revised proposal concerning Eastern’s four undergraduate learning goals Thursday at its meeting. The learning goals from the Committee for the Assessment of Student Learning include critical thinking, global citizenship, speaking and writing. The learning goals have been under discussion by the CAA for the past several weeks. CAA member Debra Reid had proposed that the CAA do something to further integrate the learning goals into Eastern’s curriculum. A committee made up of Rebecca Throneburg, professor of communication disorders and



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Stephen Lucas, assistant professor of secondary education and foundations, and history professor Debra Reid listen to a curriculum restructuring proposal Sept. 1 at the Council for Academic Affairs meeting in the conference room of Booth Library. sciences, Debra Reid, professor of history and Aseret Gonzalez, student vice president of academic affairs, presented their action plan to the rest of the CAA. DELAYS, page 5

EIU weather

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ONLINE Video: Occupy EIU holds vigil



Assistant Online Editor Marcus Smith made a video of the candlelight vigil put on by members of Occupy EIU Thursday night.

The vigil is a continuation of last week's vigil which was done for Scott Olsen, an Occupy Oakland protester and Marine veteran, who suffered a cracked skull in the chaos between protesters and police last week.

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Eating, smiling with the mayor



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Daniel Rolando, an employee at the Newman Catholic Center and a former Eastern student, and Mary Lane, Vice President of Student Affairs and a junior family consumer sciences major, eat lunch with Charleston Mayor John Inyart on Thursday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

RSO OF THE WEEK

Group helps combat sex slavery

She Dances of Eastern raises money that will aid victims of sex crime

By Amy Schniers
Staff Reporter

Helping protect women from oppression is one of the main goals of the group She Dances of Eastern.

The group is a registered student organization that helps raise awareness about women trafficking and slavery around the world.

She Dances of Eastern is a small chapter of the national organization that supports the rehabilitation for women who were once victims of human trafficking and sexually exploited.

The organization was founded by Jeremy Springer of California in 2008 after he saw a Honduran girl dancing with joy after being released from being a sex slave.

On the She Dances website, Springer said he believes every girl deserves to dance, so he created She Dances. He opened safe houses in Honduras where girls could go that had been trafficked or exploited sexually.

Eastern joined the organization when Chris Brunson, a former student of Eastern, attended an event promoting the safe houses.

Brunson said he felt compelled by the girls' stories and wanted to help. As a new

Human trafficking facts

According to the State Department:

- Human trafficking is valued at over US\$32 billion per year.
- Human trafficking is the second largest and fastest growing criminal industry worldwide
- 80% of trafficking victims are women and girls
- 50% of trafficking victims are minors

- 42% of those recruiting victims are women
- The average age of entry into prostitution or sexual exploitation is 12 years old
- The United Nations estimates that 700,000 to 4 million women and children are trafficked around the world for purposes of forced prostitution, labor and other forms of exploitation every year.

RSO, Brunson needed to find a sponsor so they could become official. He asked Linda Sherwood, a professor of elementary education, to support the group.

With five daughters and six granddaughters, Sherwood said she had plenty of reasons to support She Dances.

The girls that are exploited are from third world countries and are shipped all over the world, even to the U.S., and they have no one to care for them when they get out, Sherwood said.

"When you hear about these young girls being sold as sex slaves, you can't help but want to help," Sherwood said. "What a tragedy for their lives."

Victoria Greer, a senior elementary education major, is the new president of the chapter at Eastern.

Greer got involved last year and became the organizations president this year.

She said she also feels inspired by these girls and wants to help restore their lives so they can go out and succeed.

"These girls are taken at 11 years old and when they are released some of them are almost 10 years older," Greer said. "So they may be 10 years older, but they're still little girls on the inside."

Greer has traveled to Honduras and has seen the culture and people of Honduras first hand.

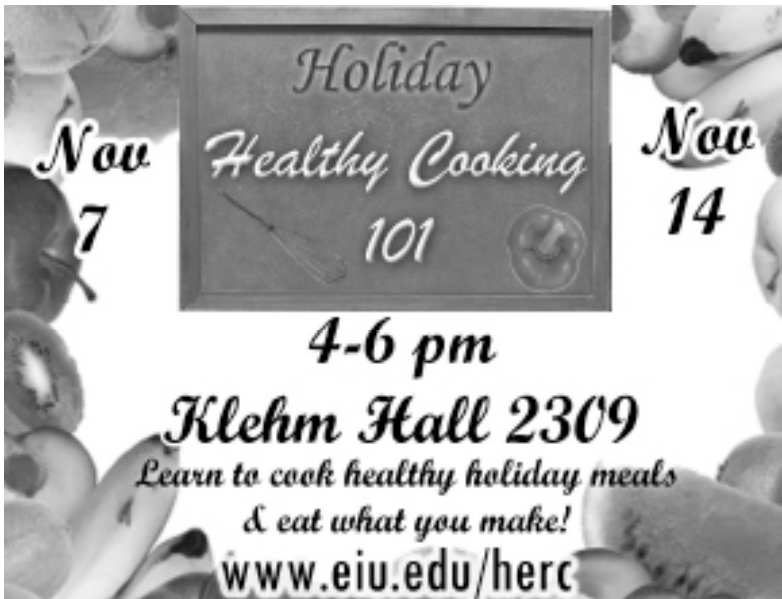
Greer was not able to visit any of the safe houses, because of privacy reasons. They want to keep the girls sheltered, not exploit them, she said.

Greer said they plan on sponsoring a winter fundraising event soon.

They hope staff and students will help them continue their support of the national organization.

"Seeing the horror on these peoples faces made me so passionate about the cause," Greer said.

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PIZZA WITH THE PRES

Students, Perry engage in discussion

By **Andrew Crivilare**
Staff Reporter

President Bill Perry was on hand Thursday in the National Panhellenic Council Hall to share a bite to eat and exchange a few words with students as part of "Pizza With the Pres" event.

The event, organized by the student government and co-sponsored by the Black Student Union and the National Panhellenic Council, provided students and the president with a forum where they could engage with one another, one-on-one or as a group.

Lesley Winslow, president of the National Panhellenic Council, asked the president how students in Greek Life could become more engaged with sporting events on campus.

Perry said that Eastern football coaches might come to the residences on campus to make a personal connection with the students.

"If you reach out in a sincere way, when the times comes to say 'hey, come out to a game' you'll be more likely to attend," he said.

Perry said student organizations could also try to organize community service projects prior to sporting events as a means of raising attendance at games and bringing awareness to important issues.

"I've seen it work at other universities," he said. "But every university is different."

Andre Allen, president of the Black Student Union, asked if Perry would be willing to participate in a basketball game where faculty would play against

students.

"If we could get a game together for charity or community service, I'd get out there," Perry said. "We just got to have the EMTs (emergency medical technicians) out there too."

Several students raised concerns about the university's ability to provide financial aid and benefits in light of fiscal difficulties in the Illinois state government.

Perry said the university anticipated the state difficulties and will continue to provide students with as much financial aid as possible to avoid student debt.

"Last year we helped out with internal funds not spent yet," Perry said.

Perry said the financial concerns on a national level have left some people questioning the value versus the costs associated with higher education.

"People are talking about higher education today the way they talked about health care 15 or 20 years ago," Perry said. "They said 'It's expensive, it's important, and we don't understand how it works.'"

One student raised concerns about the quality of professors' teaching ability in the mathematics department. Perry said staff members are reviewed annually by their department heads who take student evaluations into consideration. Perry said as a teacher himself, he would take student evaluations as a time to reflect.

"When students evaluated me, I always sweated it," Perry said. "You always look for ways to improve."

President Perry also turned to students at the event to answer questions



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Eastern President Bill Perry takes notes while listening to student feedback Thursday during "Pizza with the Pres" in the National Panhellenic Council building in Greek Court.

the university administration are addressing concerning attracting new undergraduates.

Students suggested a myriad of solutions, from overnight stays during the summer to letting high school students attend one day of classes on campus.

Perry said he was interested in hearing what current Eastern attendees were attracted to when they began looking for colleges and what the university should promote.

"When I was looking at colleges, I skipped over academics and went

straight to student life," Winslow said. "We have a beautiful campus, so let's show it off."

Aseret Gonzalez, vice president for academic affairs, said the conversational dialog between the students and Perry made this "Pizza with the Pres" a greater success than previous attempts at the event.

"Last time he was floating around more and asking students questions," Gonzalez said. "Everyone got to ask questions this time."

Gonzalez said the students surprised

her with the quality of questions the students asked.

"They were well informed," she said. "They were asking very specific questions."

Gonzalez said she looks forward to planning future "Pizza With the Pres" events, with the next one focusing on Eastern's non-traditional student population.

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CONCERT

Jazz performer to give concert on campus

By **Amy Menghini**
Staff Reporter

Students can enjoy the melodic sounds of Sara Caswell when she graces Eastern with her music Tuesday in the Tarble Arts Center.

Caswell will be performing with some of Eastern's faculty and students during her free concert at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 8 in the Atrium of Tarble.

Performing with Caswell before, jazz pianist Paul Johnston, associate professor of jazz studies, will be accompanying her along with Eastern students Chad Mathis, bass player, and Jamie Mauck, drum player.

"Most people probably do not think of the violin as a jazz or blues instrument," said Michael Watts, director of Tarble Arts Center. "Watching Sara perform will change your attitude."

Caswell has been to Eastern before when she performed with her sister Rachel Caswell in 2008 for the Tarble Arts Center's Chamber Music Series. It was a great concert, Watts said.

Rachel Caswell is the lead for the Sara Caswell Quartet and works with her sister in the Caswell Sisters Quintet.

The sisters have done concerts nationwide in places like Jazz at Lin-

coln Center's Dizzy Club Coca-Cola and New York's Symphony Space.

"In some 20-odd years of co-ordinating the Tarble's Chamber Music Series the Caswell concert was one of my favorites. So I am really looking forward to hearing Sara perform again," Watts said.

Beginning her violin studies at the age of 5, Sara has become an award-winning jazz and classical musician, according to her jazz biography from www.caswellsisters.com. Sara has released two CDs since 2000, "First Song" and "But Beautiful."

Her work has been featured on radio shows like National Public

Radio's Morning Edition and "But Beautiful" has received many awards like a number one ranking for nationally syndicated jazz radio, hosted by Bob Parlocha's.

Sara made her orchestral debut at age 15 in a performance of Brahms' Double Concerto for Violin and Cello in Kansas City, according to her biography. Since then, Sara has worked with many other musicians.

Sara has performed with violinist Mark O'Connor as a member of his American String Celebration. Gene Bertoncini, Charlie Byrd, Skitch Henderson, Bucky Pizzarelli and John Clayton are also some others she has performed with.

Sara is taking a break from touring with Grammy-winning bassist and vocalist Esperanza Spalding in order to give her concert at Eastern.

Her world tour with Spalding is to help support Spalding's CD Chamber Music Society.

Spalding's CD plays on the European, Asian and North American continents.

This free concert is made possible through Redden Fund Grant and is presented in cooperation with the Tarble Arts Center.

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Steps to up enrollment a good start

At the beginning of the semester, discouraged by vacant floors in the residence halls and low enrollment rates, *The Daily Eastern News* encouraged Eastern to market itself better and more.

Freshmen are particularly important to the university's finances, so focusing on incoming freshman is the obvious goal for increasing enrollment at Eastern.

On Wednesday night, you may have seen blue lights and mixed groups touring campus.

This was because Charleston High School juniors and seniors were taking a flashlight tour of campus, which was used as a recruiting tool to encourage students pick Eastern as their college of choice and prepare them for what to expect from the school.

As CHS students shined a light on their potential home, they also highlighted the fact that the university is taking a positive step towards meeting enrollment goals for next year.

By marketing Eastern in a fun, active way, Eastern is allowing high school students to feel more welcome at our university.

There are potential Eastern students all over Coles County that have probably never walked through campus.

We remember the excitement we felt first visiting Eastern and know that just getting them here will go a long way.

Of course, it's harder to show off the gorgeous buildings and expansive green spaces during a flashlight tour. We appreciate the novelty, but this campus is quite a bit prettier during the day.

As great of a first step this is, we encourage Eastern to invite more area schools to similar events and to create events for schools outside of our immediate area.

As the fragile economy makes community college a more enticing option for high school graduates, we need to demonstrate that, as a four-year university, Eastern has more to offer college freshmen.

As we've reported, once students come to Eastern, they stay, which is shown in our retention numbers.

The 2010 retention rate was 79 percent, better than most other state schools.

More emphasis should be placed on Eastern's affordability, especially when comparing our tuition costs to other state schools.

We offer a large amount of bang for a small amount of buck, which is important when thinking about the potential debt these students will face after graduation.

We've started with a great idea in our own area, but we should now focus on our online presence and do more advertising around the state.

We are still convinced that if more families knew about the affordability and attractive atmosphere offered at Eastern, more families would choose Eastern.

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COLUMN

NaNoWriMo a chance to exercise imagination

Ah, November: The month of Thanksgiving, no shaving, and the start of the holiday season. This is probably how a lot of us define this month, but for others, November is known as "NaNoWriMo."

What the heck does "NaNoWriMo" stand for, you ask? National Novel Writing Month, which in fuller terms stands for the 30 days in which participants attempt to write a 50,000-word novel, between 12:00:01 a.m. on Nov. 1 and 11:59:59 p.m. on Nov. 30.

The annual month-long effort began in 1999 in San Francisco with only 21 participants. In 2010, there were over 200,000 participants from all walks of life who had written a combined total of more than 2.8 million words. For my part, I first learned about NaNoWriMo at random last year on a movie discussion forum I used to frequent. The idea struck me as novel (no pun intended). Here was a group of people attempting to do something that can take a painstaking amount of time for professional authors to do.

Then again, a perfect piece of literature that is ready to be sent to publishers is not NaNoWriMo's primary goal. As stated on its website, www.nanowrimo.org, the effort is about quantity, not quality. The purpose is to force participants, most of whom have likely only had a fleeting thought about writing a novel, to take risks and give themselves permission to make mistakes.



Greg Sainer

This is what makes NaNoWriMo so much fun. Participants are able to push themselves to write as much as they possibly can each day with no pressure to meet a deadline that requires them to manufacture perfection. The only requirements are creativity, imagination, concentration and perseverance.

In today's society, how often do we take the opportunity to participate in an activity where the only source of pressure is what we place on ourselves? We might think that we do this when we self-impose exercise regimens or motivate ourselves to complete a home project that requires completion, but how often do we involve creative output? Everyone has an imagination, but it is not very often that we get to flex it in the medium that is a foundational aspect of entertainment in our society: the written word.

Anyone who has ever heard of fan fiction or has thought up an alternate ending to a film or

novel knows what I am talking about. Those of us who come up with these personally crafted stories do not have an outlet in which to tell them, and for multiple reasons: We cannot focus enough energy to write and create. We have not developed the story enough. We cannot figure out what to name our main character. We cannot devote enough time to craft our story to the point where we could begin to even consider publishing it.

Familiar sounding frustrations, no? They are for me, who's had several ideas for novels since at least junior high, and who dreads the thought of trying to find time to write a fleshed-out story.

However, the knowledge that my literary plight is shared by thousands of others is comforting. For one month, I know that others, if only for this period of time, are attempting to live the dream of being a true author.

I will not be able to even remotely join the ranks of 50,000-word authors this year, but knowing that so many have done it, and that many more will try again next year, is enough comfort for me. If anyone out there thinks they have what it takes to participate in NaNoWriMo this year, I wish them luck. Better get to it, though, because the clock is ticking.

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FROM THE EASEL

This year, the university has been offering several opportunities for students to dine with various public figures on campus. On Thursday, the university hosted Pizza with the Prez and Lunch with the Mayor. Here are a few other opportunities the university may soon be offering ...					
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LETTER

Letter from President Barack Obama: We Can't Wait

By Barack Obama

Over the last few weeks, I've had the opportunity to get out of Washington and talk with folks across the country about how we can create jobs and get our economy growing faster.

This is a tough time for a lot of Americans – especially young people. You've come of age at a time of profound change. The world has gotten more connected, but it's also gotten more competitive. And for decades, too many of our institutions – from Washington to Wall Street – failed to adapt, culminating in the worst financial crisis and recession since the Great Depression.

For the last three years, we've worked to stabilize the economy, and we've made some progress. But we still have a long way to go. And now, as you're getting ready to head out into the world, many of you are watching your friends and classmates struggle to find work. You're wondering what's in store for your future, and I know that can be scary.

The truth is, the economic problems we face today didn't happen overnight, and they won't be solved overnight. But the fact that you're investing in your education right now tells me that you believe in the future of America. You want to be a part of it. And you know that there are steps we can take right now to put Americans back to work and give our economy a boost.

The problem is, there are some in Washington who just don't share that sense of urgency. That's why it's been so disappointing to see Republicans in Congress block jobs bills from going forward – bills that independent economists say could create millions of jobs through the kinds of proposals supported by Democrats and Republicans in the past.

Now, the best way to attack our economic challenges and put hundreds of thousands of people back to work is through bold action in Congress. That's why I'm going to keep demanding that Members of Congress to vote on common-sense, paid-for jobs proposals. And I hope you'll send them a message to do the right thing for your future, and the future of our country.

But we can't wait for Congress to do its job. So where they won't act, I will. That's why, I've announced a new policy that will help families whose home values have fallen refinance their mortgages and save thousands of dollars. We made it easier for veterans to get jobs putting their skills to work in hospitals and community health centers.

And at the University of Colorado at Denver, I announced steps we're taking to make college more affordable and to make it even easier for students like you to get out of debt faster.

Michelle and I know what it feels like to leave school with a mountain of debt. We didn't come from wealthy families. By the time we both graduated from law school, we had about \$120,000 worth of debt between us. And even though we were lucky enough to land good jobs with steady incomes, it still took us almost 10 years to finally pay it all off. It wasn't easy.

Living with that much debt forces you to make some tough choices. And when a big chunk of every paycheck goes towards student loans, it isn't just painful for you – it's painful to our economy and harmful to our recovery.

That's why we're making changes that will give about 1.6 million students the ability to cap their loan payments at 10 percent of their income starting next year. We're also going to take steps to

help you consolidate your loans so that instead of making multiple payments to multiple lenders every month, you only have to make one payment a month at a better interest rate. And we want to start giving students a simple fact sheet called "Know Before You Owe" so you can have all the information you need to make your own decision about paying for college. That's something Michelle and I wish we had.

These changes will make a real difference for millions of Americans. We'll help more young people figure out how to afford college. We'll put more money in your pocket after you graduate. We'll make it easier to buy a house or save for retirement. And we'll give our economy a boost at a time when it desperately needs it.

That's not just important for our country right now – it's important for our future. Michelle and I are where we are today because our college education gave us a chance. Our parents and their generation worked and sacrificed to hand down the dream of opportunity to us.

Now it's our turn. That dream of opportunity is what I want for my daughters, and for all of you. And even in these tough times, we are going to make that dream real once again.

In the weeks ahead, I'm going to keep doing everything in my power to make a difference for the American people – including young people like you. Because here in America, when we find a problem, we fix it. When we face a challenge, we meet it. We don't wait. And I hope you'll join me.

Barack Obama is the 44th President of the United States.

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PLAY

Charleston theatre to perform Shakespeare’s ‘Twelfth Night’

By Ethan Stephenson
Staff Reporter

Shakespeare will make a visit to the Charleston Square when the Charleston Alley Theatre will be having a free preview of their performance of Shakespeare’s classic play at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the theatre in downtown Charleston.

Jeri Hughes, director of the theatre’s presentation of “Twelfth Night,” said it was time for another the CAT to perform Shakespeare production, and it was her turn to direct.

“Twelfth Night,” Hughes said, is a classic Shakespearean comedy about the madness of love, jealousy, mistaken identity and cross-dressing gender confusion. She said it still entertains audiences after 400 years.

Hughes said that the play opens with a shipwreck off the coast of Illyria in which twins Viola and Sebastian are separated, both thinking the other is dead.

After being washed ashore, Viola disguises herself as a man named Cesario in order to find work under the Duke Orsino, Hughes said.

Orsino, longing for the love of his neighboring countess, Olivia, sends Cesario as his emissary to seek her hand in marriage, he said.

Refusing Orsino’s intentions, Olivia soon finds herself in love with Viola in the guise of Cesario, who is already in love with her master, Orsino, Hughes said.

To complicate things further Sebastian, who was thought to be dead, arrives on the scene, Hughes said.

Mistaken as Cesario, Sebastian

sets in motion a series of mishaps ending in love and the marriage of Sebastian and Olivia and Orsino’s realization of his own love for Viola, he said.

Along side of the main plot, Shakespeare also adds a sub plot in which the servants of Olivia’s household, seek to embarrass the grim and conceited butler, Malvolio, he said.

“Twelfth Night” will continue to run from Nov. 11 through the 14.

Reservations for the performance can be made by calling CAT at (217) 345-2287. Seats will be available on a first come first serve basis.

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DELAYS, from page 1

Though the CAA members approved the action plan, some hesitation was displayed on the time frame of the action plan.

The possible timeline shows all data gathering, recommendations, summaries and modifications being implemented in the next 12 months.

Stephen Lucas, professor of secondary education and foundations called the timeline ambitious and suggested that the CAA allow the visioning process to catch up before acting on the action plan.

He discussed analyzing current data from CASL and using what information the CAA has at the current time before gathering new data.

“A job done quickly and poorly isn’t going to inform us of anything,” Lucas said.

He said that doing public relations work for the learning goals would be more beneficial than rushing into the action plan and pressuring professors from other Eastern colleges.

Olaf Hoerschelmann, professor of communication studies agreed with Lucas’ plan.

“We need to prioritize how each learning goal should be assessed,” Hoerschelmann said.

Throneburg suggested that the CAA look at current teaching practices and see what techniques are being implemented to promote the four goals.

The CAA decided that pushing back the dates on the action plan would be best for the proposal.

At the next meeting, the proposal committee will have a revised

tentative schedule for the action plan, with assessment dates not beginning until after the completion of the 2011-2012 school year.

The CAA was supposed to discuss revisions to the council’s bylaws, but the revisions were tabled so the council could further discuss the learning goals.

The bylaws will be discussed at Thursday’s meeting.

Other agenda items included revisions to the Latin American Studies minor, English major and the creation of the English major forum course, which were all approved.

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McCormick said the jacket drive is a way to give back to the Charleston community and help people in need during these upcoming cold winter months.

The drive will take place sometime after Thanksgiving break and continue until the week of finals, McCormick said.

Abby Ford, a senior sociology major and a member of National Resident Hall Honorary said the NRHH raised \$5,500 this fall for Mills Breast Cancer Institute in Champaign.

The fundraiser has been going on for 5 years now and overall they have raised more than \$23,000, Ford said.

NRHH historian Elizabeth Burbatt, a sophomore sociology major, said the organization also had a dunk tank booth in conjunction with selling the T-shirts.

“Having the dunk tank at the end of the week is another way to raise more money for the breast cancer institute, people get really involved and it is a tradition we hope to keep alive,” Burbatt said.

Ford said the fundraiser is something NRHH looks forward to organizing because people anticipate it as a way to raise money for a good cause.

“To some people it has become a tradition to buy the breast cancer awareness shirts that we sell,” Ford said. “People have become very passionate about it.”

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BUDGETS, from page 1

Supplies and equipment were both cut, supplies being \$2,600 and equipment being \$12,400.

Ken Baker, the director of the Rec, said they left all of the money that is going directly to students alone. They also did not make any cuts to repairs.

“We have done away with all of the supplies and equipment,” Baker said. “The money that we are given by the (Apportionment) Board is enrollment-driven so as enrollment goes down, we know that financial support goes down.”

The student government budget was cut \$3,273. Some of the areas that were cut include the Student Supreme Court, marketing, professional services, student payroll, copy services, scholarships, lodging for travel and student relation forums.

Student Body President Ed Hotwagner, a senior mathematics major, said the largest amount they cut was \$1,340 for 12-credit hour tuition waivers the executives receive.

“I tried to make the cuts from areas I knew we would have money left over in and in areas where I could anticipate how much we spend like cutting \$242 on telephone bills,” Hotwagner said.

The student government is affected most by cutting marketing and student relation forums because they want to make sure there is enough in the budget for Student Action Team lobby trips, he said.

“We are not going to be presenting very many bills in (Student) Senate because we want to make sure we have enough to go to Springfield so we have been doing more co-sponsorships like with ‘Pizza with the Pres,’” Hotwagner said. “We can’t be spending as much on marketing as we used to because the money is just not there anymore so we are going to be having flyers with two or three events on them at a time.”

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MUSIC, from page 1

Galaxy Percussion consist of Rodger Braun, Anthony DiSanza, Udow and Jamie Ryan.

Each band played compositions familiar to them.

Akademie Percussion Ensemble played compositions from modern Korean composers such as Yong Nan Park, Kyung-Jung Kim and Hae Sung Lee.

Galaxy performed compositions by John Cage, Paulinho Da Viola, Hermeto Pascoal and original compositions from members of Galaxy.

Both groups joined together for the two ending compositions written by members of Galaxy Percussion: “A Spirit Unbroken” by Roger Braun and “Rio Grande Riffs” by Michael Udow.

The pieces played were a mix between western and oriental compositions that were picked by both groups, Lee said.

Braun said he was honored to have both groups playing his compositions.

Ryan, a professor of percussion at Eastern, said that Galaxy Percussion and Akademie Percussion Ensemble toured together late July and early August in 2010.

“We toured there (South Korea) and it was a great success,” Ryan said. “Hopefully this leads to many other tours.”

Lee said he found the American tour similar to the tour in Korea last year.

Lee said the thing he found the most difficult about the tour at first was jetlag and the time difference.

“It’s hard to perform because it’s night here, but it’s day in Korea,”

Lee said.

Lee said he has enjoyed working with the members of Galaxy Percussion because everyone has been so kind and cooperative and harmonious.

While on campus, Galaxy Percussion had a master class for some of the percussion students.

Ryan said six of his students performed for Galaxy and heard what comments they had.

“They played very well, responded very well to the Galaxy members comments, and we just had a lot of fun,” Ryan said.

Lee said that so far on the tour the audiences have responded well to their music.

Madeline Haugh, a sophomore communication studies major, said she has never seen a performance like the concert before.

“They are very into their music, they bobbed their head and were very lively,” Haugh said.

Samantha Devermann, a sophomore communication studies major, said she found the mixture of music interesting.

“They have a range of sounds from soft sounds to intense ones,” Devermann said.

She said she was happy to see them perform.

“I find it interesting that they are touring the country,” Devermann said. “I feel special to get to see them.”

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MEN’S SOCCER

Team needs road win for shot at tourney



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Ryan Child, senior midfielder, intercepts a pass to an Oakland University player, Saturday October 29 at Lakeside Field.

Staff Report

The Eastern men’s soccer team is hoping to win its last regular season match against conference opponent Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne so it can make it into the Summit League Conference Tournament.

The Panthers will end their regular season as they take on the IPFW Mastodons Saturday.

Eastern is on a two-match losing streak, losing to the Oakland University Golden Grizzlies and the Belmont University Bruins. Eastern lost Oakland by a score of 0-2 and to Belmont 0-3.

Eastern currently has a record of 7-8-1 overall, and 1-3-1 in the Summit League. Heading to the road for their next match, the Panthers have a record of 4-7 on the road.

IPFW holds a record of 7-9-2 this

season, while also standing at 2-2-1 in the Summit League. The Mastodons are coming off a 2-1 home win over Detroit.

The Mastodons are the No. 3 team in the Summit League, while the Panthers are in the last place spot, No. 7.

So far in the Summit League this season, the Mastodons have scored more goals than any other team, with 31. IPFW also leads the conference in assists with 26 and points with 88.

The only win Eastern has against a Summit League opponent was against Oral Roberts, when it won 2-1 on October 7.

If the Panthers make it to the Summit League Conference Tournament, it will begin next Friday in Kansas City, Mo.

Game time against IPFW is set for 7 PM in Fort Wayne, Ind.

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“I like the new guys,” Granger said. “They come out and work hard every day and for the most part they are getting it. I like what they are doing right now.”

Head coach Mike Miller said the team is a good group and they have been working hard since last spring.

“There is a pretty good core of guys,” Miller said. “The guys have worked harder than the ever have in the off-season and we aren’t taking anything for granted.”

The official regular season starts Friday Nov. 11 when the Panthers go on the road against Indiana State.

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2011-2012 Men’s Basketball Roster

- #2 Alex Lubsey, So., 6-6 Forward
- #4 Joey Miller, Fr., 6-3 Guard
- #5 Malcom Herron, Jr., 6-7 Guard
- #10 Alfonzo McKinnie, So., 6-7 Forward
- #12 Jeremy Granger, Sr., 6-1 Guard
- #15 James Hollowell, R-Jr., 6-6 Forward
- #20 Morris Woods, So., 6-3 Guard
- #21 Austin Akers, Jr., 6-2 Guard
- #22 Taylor Jones, R-Jr., 6-2 Guard
- #23 L.C. Doss, R-Sr., 6-2 Guard
- #31 Nick McFarlin, R-Sr., 6-7 Forward
- #32 Jonathon Miller, Jr., 6-2 Guard
- #34 Xavier Sanders, Sr., 6-6 Forward
- #55 Josh Piper, Fr., 6-8 Forward

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“They run the same plays as us,” head coach Graziano said before the two teams’ match-up on Oct. 18. “To some extent we have been practicing playing against ourselves.”

The Bobcats coaching staff is full of former Panther players and assistant coaches of Graziano.

The Bobcats have directly taken pages out of Graziano’s playbook and implemented them into their offensive and defensive game plans.

“Their head coach is Coach Graz’s former player and assistant coach. They have our playbook and they know how to defend us, but a good offense beats a good defense every time,” junior flanker Stefanie Mahan said before the teams

matchup on Oct. 18.

Although the Bobcats do have an advantage when it comes to familiarity, the experience that the Panthers possess should make it a very challenging task for the Bobcats to come to Lakeside Field and pull off a shocking upset.

If the Panthers come out on top, they will be just one win away from recording their third perfect season in the last four years.

The Panthers will host the Bobcats at noon on Sunday at Lakeside Field.

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The Panthers have pieces to be successful. Granger is one of the best guards in the conference and one of the best free-throw shooters in the nation.

The team is going to get consistent play from their cornerstone Granger. This is exactly what any team needs to be play well in college basketball. If Granger can get some help, the Panthers should have a solid team this season.

Head coach Mike Miller has recruited a large class of seven new players. These players may not make an immediate impact, but they will significantly help the team’s depth. Sophomore forward Alfonzo McKinnie and red-shirt junior forward James Hollowell should provide some scoring in the low post.

Hollowell is a great defender, who says he has put in a lot of work this off-season to play more consistently on the offensive side.

McKinnie is a tremendous athlete who has the potential to be a special player. If he can develop his raw skills, his athleticism could make him one of the top forwards in the conference.

Granger and the rest of the team make the Panthers exciting to watch. So, at the very least the games will be entertaining, but I think there is a lot of success in this team’s future.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Team confident, ready for exhibition game

By Rob Mortell
Staff Reporter

Eastern's men's team will play its only pre-season exhibition game against Olivet Nazarene 6 p.m. Sunday at Lantz Arena.

The last time these teams met was in 2009 for an exhibition game and the Panthers narrowly escaped with a 72-70 win.

In that game, senior guard—then a sophomore—Jeremy Granger hit a game-winning shot in the final minutes and scored 15 points.

Granger said during the off-season he worked hard to improve on his leadership skills and strength.

Granger was selected to the pre-season All-Ohio Valley Conference team. Last year, the Panthers lost their other preseason All-OVC selection after ten games, when guard Tyler Laser had a season-ending back injury.

Coming off a 9-20 season overall, the Panthers are optimistic that this team can turn that record around this year.

Red-shirt junior forward James Hollowell said he expects a lot from the team.

"We have a lot of talent," Hollowell said. "We have to make the tournament this year, there is no way we can't make it."

He said the team should be one of the better teams in the conference.

Eastern has added seven new players. Hollowell said each player brings something different to the team.

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L.C. Doss, redshirt senior guard, goes up to dunk during a dunk competition at the pre-season basketball pep rally on Oct. 27 in Lantz Arena.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Slim lead, season slips away in loss

Soccer defeated in first round of OVC Tournament

By Brad Kupiec
Staff Reporter

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.- Eastern's women's soccer team lost 2-1 to the Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks in its first round match in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament in Cape Girardeau, Mo., Thursday afternoon.

It was cold and dreary at Houck Stadium in Cape Girardeau at the match's opening whistle. Eastern controlled the attack throughout the match's beginning before notching the first tally in the 39th minute on a header by senior defender Sam Balek off of a corner kick by senior midfielder Ashley Eck. The goal counted as the only first-half tally as the Panthers went into half-time leading 1-0.

Tennessee-Martin came out in the second half looking like a different team. They rallied to score a pair of goals in the 53rd and 80th minutes to earn the win and end the Panthers' season.

The Panthers came out of half-time looking like a completely different team, and Balek said that was due to Tennessee-Martin adjusting their attack strategy going into the second half.

Head coach Summer Perala said

she was disappointed that the Panthers were unable to extend their season and that the seniors especially had to go out in the first round.

"Because we couldn't keep the ball, we had a hard time building any sort of attack," said Perala of the second half. "We were just in panic mode from that pressure. I feel bad for our seniors, because they put a lot of heart into the first half, but for us not to be able to complete the game and give them the next round is kind of disappointing."

Balek's first-half goal was the first of her Panther career, and it came in what would end up being her final match of her collegiate career.

"If (Tennessee-Martin) had come out and stayed in a 4-2-3 we would have, for sure, been able to come out strong and keep the lead," Balek said.

"They were able to change things up, keep the pressure on us, and get two goals. It was kind of awesome (to score) actually, but it's a good time to get a goal, before the season's over." Balek said she and the rest of the seniors worked hard for their four years.

"It was a good four years. It stinks that we had to go out this way, but at least we came out for 45 minutes and played," said Balek. "It would have been nice to put a whole game together and end on a good note."

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RUGBY



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Freshman prop/lock Aly Dial pushes through the Northern Iowa rugby team Oct. 23 on Lakeside Field.

Panthers, Bobcats to square off again

Eastern to attempt season sweep of Division-I rival

By Jordan Pottorff
Staff Reporter

The premier team in NCAA Division I women's rugby will continue its quest for a perfect season when they welcome the Quinnipiac Bobcats at noon on Sunday to Lakeside Field. This will be the finale of the three-game season series, and the Panthers will try to make it a perfect 3-for-3 against the NCAA Division-I newcomers.

The Panthers are coming off an impressive second-half performance in

their final road game of the season that found them exploding for 38 second half points to cap off the win against Iowa State.

The Panthers and the Bobcats will renew their newfound rivalry on the rugby pitch for the final time of the season. The Panthers beat the Bobcats in the first ever NCAA Division I match-up on Sept. 18, by a score of 24-0. Eastern also came out on top in the second match-up of the season. The Panthers flew half way across the country and beat the Bobcats to a tune of 33-5.

One factor that will come into play this Sunday is the familiarity that Quinnipiac has with the Panthers offensive and defensive strategies.

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VOLLEYBALL

Panthers to host pair of teams this weekend

Eastern to face Tennessee Tech, Jacksonville State

By Lenny Arquilla
Staff Reporter

The Eastern volleyball team will finish out the season with Tennessee Tech and Jacksonville State coming in to Lantz Arena for some Ohio Valley Conference action this weekend.

The Panthers enter the weekend at 9-19 overall and 6-11 in OVC action, looking to break a two-match skid after beating the defending OVC champions, Morehead State.

Their opponents, Tennessee Tech, enter the weekend at 4-22 overall and are in last place in the standings at 3-13, while Jacksonville State enters the weekend at 9-17 and 7-9 in the OVC.

The Panthers defeated both Tennessee Tech and Jacksonville State on the road, and by way of a sweep and a 3-2 victory, respectively.

Sophomore Reynae Hutchinson had a career-best 27 kills and 14 digs in the loss to Murray State, but she continues to shine even in defeat.

It also marked her 15th career kill-dig double-double for the team.

Head coach Kate Price is still thinking long term with this team,

stressing everything that needs to be addressed in practice.

"As the season winds down, we still need to focus on the match as a whole," Price said. "Some days we do better on offense than defense and vice versa. I do not want to focus a whole practice on one element of the game."

The Panthers enjoy a seven-match lead in the all-time series against Tennessee Tech, 21-14, while the last two seasons both teams splitting the regular-season meetings.

Against Jacksonville State, however, the Panthers are down 13-3 in the all-time series, losing 12 straight match-ups for five years until the Panthers were finally able to break that losing streak earlier this year.

It was the first Panther victory on the Jacksonville State's home court since it joined the OVC in 2003.

The Panthers are going for the season sweep against both teams and are ready to play in whatever condition.

"We have played this game long enough to know who each team will go to with the ball," Price said. "We have reviewed game film and we have pretty good idea on how to take home two victories."

Panthers play at 7 p.m. and 6 p.m. this Friday and Saturday at Lantz Arena.

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COLUMN

Basketball determined to succeed



By Rob Mortell
Staff Reporter

Eastern's men's basketball team should enter this season with determination, showing its critics that it is better than ninth in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Last season, Eastern was picked to finish third; however, injuries hurt the team all season, and the Panthers did not have their full team for a majority of the games.

This resulted in a lack of chemistry on the court because so many different rotations were being attempted.

That team was picked third in the OVC and this team, which is really not that much different, is picked ninth.

Senior guard Jeremy Granger said the team is eager to prove its doubters wrong. I am excited to see that.

The OVC has gotten better and there will be some tough teams like Austin Peay, but the Panthers should have no problem making the postseason tournament.

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